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REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION AND CONTINUED EXAMINATION

Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2006 (the "Office Action"), in which a three (3) month shortened period for reply is January 26, 2007, and a THREE (3) month extension of time, requested herein, is April 26, 2007, please consider the following remarks in this request for reconsideration:

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